

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 17. (canceled)

1 18. (new) A method of making a fiber laminate, the
2 method comprising the steps of sequentially:

3 a) forming a nonwoven spunbond filament layer;
4 b) prebonding the nonwoven spunbond filament layer to a
5 tensile strength of at least 50% of the tensile strength thereof at
6 maximum bonding as defined in DIN 53815 to form a prebonded
7 nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

8 b') treating the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament
9 layer with at least one wetting agent;

10 c) applying at least one layer of hydrophilic fibers onto
11 the prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer treated with the
12 wetting agent; and

13 d) hydrodynamically bonding the layer of hydrophilic
14 fibers to the spunbond filament layer to create a two-layer
15 laminate forming an absorbent cloth.

1 19. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the
2 nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step b) in a
3 calender.

1 20. (new) The method defined in claim 19 wherein the
2 nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step b) in a
3 calender having at least one heated embossing drum cylinder.

1 21. (new) The method defined in claim 20 wherein the
2 prebonding is carried out in step b) such that a maximum free
3 filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond
4 layer is less than 15 mm.

1 22. (new) The method defined in claim 21, further
2 comprising the step of additionally deforming the prebonded
3 nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

1 23. (new) The method defined in claim 22 wherein the
2 hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or
3 at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven
4 spunbond filament layer.

1 24. (new) The method defined in claim 23, further
2 comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material
3 onto the laminate formed by the layers.

1 25. (new) The method defined in claim 24 wherein the
2 hydrodynamic bonding of the layers into the laminate is effected by
3 a water-jet treatment thereof.

1 26. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the
2 prebonding is carried out in step b) such that a maximum free
3 filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond
4 layer is less than 15 mm.

1 27. (new) The method defined in claim 18, further
2 comprising the step of additionally deforming the prebonded
3 nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

1 28. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the
2 wetting agent is at least one tenside or surface active agent.

1 29. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the
2 hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or
3 at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven
4 spunbond filament layer.

1 30. (new) The method defined in claim 18, further
2 comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material
3 onto the laminate formed by the layers.

1 31. (new) The method defined in claim 18 wherein the
2 hydrodynamic bonding of the layers into the laminate is effected by
3 a water-jet treatment thereof.